

Study Commission Report Shows Education Needs Many \$\$

Editor's Note: Last week, the Education Study Commission issued its report on the needs of Alabama schools. What follows is the first of three articles analyzing the Commission's recommendations. The series is being written exclusively for Alabama Press Association member newspapers by Don Wasson, Political Writer for The Montgomery Advertiser.

A vast plan to overhaul Alabama's education system and to give it a firm financial base was unveiled to the public last week. It will cost, over the next 10 years, over \$1 billion.

The work of the Education Study Commission, the plan was the result of a year-long probe into every facet of education in Alabama. The Commission was headed by Auburn University President Dr. Harry Philpott and its executive director was Dr. H. Bascomb Woodward, on loan from the University of Alabama.

The Commission set as an immediate goal new revenue financing of \$75 million, a major use of which would be for a 20 per cent pay increase for teachers. That move alone would cost \$35.6 million.

And to pay for the upgrading of the quality of education Alabama school children receive, the Commission presented a tax package which would raise anywhere from \$37 million to \$127 million a year in new revenues.

The job of passing the tax increases, if any are to be passed, will be up to the state legislature. And the willingness of the legislature to pass the tax increases will depend in large measure on public support of the Commission's recommendations.

In this article, the major recommendations of the Commission, simply those requiring new taxes, will be discussed. In a second article next week, the tax proposals and how much they would raise will be discussed. And in a final article two weeks from now, the other major recommendations of the Commission will be examined. These will include matters of school administration, organization, and scope of education and matters concerning higher education.

There are 14 recommendations which carry specific price tags. In addition to the \$35.6 million pay raise for teachers, the Commission recommends the addition of 4,500 additional teachers to school faculties in order to bring the teacher-pupil ratio down to 1 to 25. To reach this goal would cost \$35.8 million.

Alabama teachers, the report states, continue to be among the lowest paid in the nation. In 1967-68, the average classroom teacher's salary was \$5,725. This places the state average farther from the national average than at any time in recent history. Classroom teachers themselves testified during the Commission hearings that almost as important as pay increases is the reduction of classroom load. A teacher is nowhere near as effective, they say, as she can be when there are no more than 25 students in her class. Any increase in class size and the quality of instruction drops off rapidly.

Another big expense item is the recommendation that schools be allotted \$45 per pupil in their average daily attendance, for other current expenses. This category includes teaching equipment, supplies and personnel other than teachers, such as maintenance, janitors and maids. Present state allocation is \$1 per pupil. Total cost of the \$27 increase would be \$21,791,250.

And the Commission al-

so recommends funding for one teacher unit out of 16 (over and above the teacher units the school is awarded on the basis of its average daily attendance) to be used for other educational personnel. At present, the Minimum Fund Program provides only for classroom teachers.

Other personnel can be provided only through the use of supplemental local funds or by using earned teacher units. When teacher units are used to provide counselors, librarians, or even principals, then the classroom size must necessarily be increased.

The single largest price tag on any of the Commission's recommendations came in the area of senior and junior colleges. The study group recommended that these institutions be granted the entire amount of their increased budget requests for the 1969-70 fiscal year. That amounts to \$70.3 million.

But the Commission calls 1969 a "year of decision" as far as continued progress in state colleges and universities is concerned. The state is apportioning an average of \$120 less in state funds per student this year than it was five years ago.

"Budgets can be trimmed no further -- all cuts have been made and as a result quality has suffered," the report stated.

Briefly, these are the other "money" recommendations of the study: a removal of the six-year portability, including a 20 per cent pay increase for bus drivers.

--\$3.6 million for the free textbook program to assure adequate texts and a limit on changing texts.

--\$2.7 million for trade schools to add additional technical staff members and two "basic education" teachers to each trade school for those students

deficient in reading, spelling and arithmetic.

--\$2.5 million for rehabilitation instruction for crippled children and adults.

--\$536,000 for the first year cost of increased classes for the trainable mentally retarded.

--\$440,000 for salary increments to those teachers qualifying for a AA certificate which represents two years of graduate work.

--\$300,000 for financing a Coordinating Commission on Higher Education which would promote the highest quality of higher education by continuous planning, by defining the role and scope of each institution of higher learning and by coordinating the budget requests of all such institutions.

--\$75,000 for a permanent, continuing Education Study Commission.

In addition to these recommendations, the Commission recommended \$5,000,000 in capital outlay funds for purchasing 320 new buses for the state junior colleges and 292 buses for the trade schools.

And, over a 10 year period, the Commission recommends other capital outlays totalling \$695,918,453.

Most of this total -- \$390 million -- would go into elementary and secondary school buildings. \$169 million would go to senior colleges and universities, \$46 million to the University of Alabama Medical Center, \$41 million to the state junior colleges and \$12.8 million to the trade schools.

NEXT: The tax proposals, how it all could be financed.

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ON SCHOOL ISSUE

Drexel Cook Speaks Out

The report of the Education Study Commission has been released for several weeks now and almost everyone has formed some opinion about the report. The group that will be forced to have an opinion is the state legislature, Monday with this in mind, we questioned Coffee County's Voice in the House of Representatives, Drexel Cook, who is also a close personal friend of Governor Brewer.

"Cook was first asked, 'Where do you stand on the issue of schools?' He quickly replied, 'I don't see how anyone could seriously be against better schools and better paid teachers.' Cook continued, 'I predict that the next legislature will come out with a substantial school package, but in order for the public to support more tax for schools, they will expect and should get, an ever increasing quality in education.'

"No tax will meet with everyone's approval, but I believe that the Governor and the members of the legislature, working together, can work out legislation that will be satisfactory to the majority of the people of Alabama. Cook said he continued with, 'The only way the Alabama legislature can raise additional tax is through additional taxation and it must have the public support to do this.'

Representative Cook said that he recognized the need for increased teacher pay in view of the ever increasing cost of living. He also stressed the necessity of reducing the pupil workload as one step in upgrading the quality of an Alabama education. Cook was also asked how he felt the money should be raised. He said, 'I could not support a general sales tax increase, or a blanket 50% property tax adjustment. I am against the income tax adjustment suggested by the Study Commission as the working man would pay it all but feel that a good portion of any increase could come from the income tax source.'

Senator Lolley Sponsors Law About Utilities

A new law, sponsored by Senator Ray Lolley of Enterprise, will be introduced in the next session of the Alabama legislature concerning the rights of public utility companies. Lolley is quoted as saying that he has already prepared a bill to limit to 10% the amount of a rate increase a utility company can put into effect under a court-allowed bond.



GOVERNOR BREWER PROCLAIMS... February as "Physical Fitness Month" in Alabama. In a meeting with officials of the State Physical Fitness Commission. From left to right are Commission Chairman Senator Joe Goodwyn of Montgomery; Commission Member Representative Pete Mathews of Clay County; Governor Brewer; Commission Member Martin "Scooter" Davis of Montgomery; a former star football player at Elba and the University of Alabama; and Bill Walker, Executive Director of the Commission.

Alabama

Co-Op Enters

25th Year

Alabama Electric Cooperative this year enters its 25th year of operation. The electric generating and transmission cooperative will observe its silver anniversary by putting operation of its new steam generating plant in Washington County near Jackson.

Actually the Alabama Electric has been organized for nearly 28 years. It was first organized in 1941 with its founder Maury McWilliams as its first president. McWilliams remained president until his death in 1966.

Before the newly formed organization could complete plans to construct and operate generation facilities, World War II brought a halt to non-defense construction.

Electrical wiring, which contains a large amount of copper, was especially difficult to obtain during the war years.

The main order of business was receiving a legal opinion from the City Attorney concerning the requested closing of the Garfield Street extension by the City of Elba.

After hearing the legal opinion of City Attorney Garth Lindsey, the council reportedly rejected the request by a vote of three to two.

Labor Survey Successful Last Week

Over 1600 registrations were received during the Personnel Availability Survey conducted January 24-25 at the request of a large Rubberized Apparel Manufacturer, which is strongly considering Elba for the location of a new plant.

Mayor Jack Brunson stated this week that he has a confession to the rash of break-ins in Elba recently. He said he is asking for an Opp resident who currently is in the Covington County Jail on similar charges from Opp. The man has freely confessed to breaking into the Elba Western Auto twice; Daniels Standard twice; Cook Chevrolet and Williams Texaco. He claims to have had nothing to do with the robbery at the Big Bear or Southeast Gas Company. Chief Smart states that the local police are continuing their investigation of these later cases.

School Board Selling Bonds For New Gym

The Elba City School Board is advertising the sale of bonds for the construction of a gym at Elba High School. The bonds will be sold on February 18th. Following this the Board must advertise for construction bids. Therefore it will probably be at least April before any work can begin on the new gym project.

In conjunction with the gym the Board plans to build a large multi-purpose classroom. This room will probably be used as a band room since it will be located away from other classrooms.

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FILL IT UP was the pass word for the last several weeks as workmen hauled dirt into the old pond land the Elba Elementary school to make way for a playground. It was also to remove the danger of children falling into the deep water and drowning. Workmen report that almost 50,000 yards of dirt have been hauled into the area at present. The pond was reportedly 20 feet deep and there were some fish in it.

City Council Holds Special Call Meeting

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None Injured In School Bus Accident

A New Brockton school bus was involved in a wreck last Thursday morning. The bus, driven by Patricia W. Nixon, of Rt. 2, New Brockton, was enroute to school on Alabama 51 at 7:05 a.m. when a car driven by Mary S. Cotter slammed into the rear of the bus stopped to pick up a child. The wreck caused \$150 in damages to the bus and about \$800 to the car.

Patrolman Morris, who investigated the accident, reported that no charges were filed and the accident was attributed to slick roads and heavy fog.

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General Telephone Company officials have since stated that they would refund the extra money paid in during the last six weeks as soon as possible.

The ups and downs of the telephone rates began when General asked the Public Service Commission for permission to increase all rates in South Alabama by three and four hundred per cent.

After extensive hearings in Dothan and Montgomery noting that the requested increase would place rates in this area as the highest in the nation.

General Telephone then went to the courts for relief and were allowed to place the rates in effect, under bond, pending further developments. The Governor Albert Brewer and the Public Service Commission entered suit to contest an opinion that the Montgomery Circuit Court had no choice but to accept the company's bond and rate increase. Shortly after winning this suit the governor turned back to the Montgomery court and was prepared to fight when the telephone company requested the return to the old rate.

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POOR ORIGINAL



Jus' Ramblin'
BY LUCILE K. McRAE

IT HAD BEEN our plan that when Tatum Bedsole of Hacoa retired from his duties as rural mail carrier that we would do pictures of him and my father, J. L. Kimbro, of Kinston, who retired in March 1957, along with a combined story of their experiences during their years with the postal service. But my father has been ill since last summer and has not been able to return home for these pictures. He is now residing at the Tyson Manor Nursing Home in Montgomery, and has recently been ill of flu, which has made him even weaker, physically.

My father began his rural carrier job at Gulliver, Florida, June 2, 1914, a route that has long since been consolidated with the Baker and Holt routes. He was twenty-six years of age, and I was six years old. My dad began with a horse and buggy and received a salary of \$80.00 a month. The \$80.00 was everything, including his equipment, but he thought it was a good job at that. He bought his first car, a Ford in 1916 with an open top, with brass radiator shell referred to as the "tin lizzie." Compared with present-day cars, they look as though they are on stilts.

My father must not have been exactly happy, though, for on December 1, 1916 he transferred to Midland City, Alabama and after the United States was in World War I he transferred back to Gulliver. He continued to be unsettled and June 30, 1920 resigned to accept employment with an Arkansas

newspaper. After a year and a half there he resigned and bought an interest in The Florida News with his brother-in-law, my uncle, A. H. Heath, buying the other part. But after three years he was again ready to move on and sold his interest in The Florida News and bought the Op News which he sold some years later and was re-instated as a rural route mail carrier at Georgiana. After several years there he transferred to Kinston where he continued to live and carry the mail until he retired in 1957.

I have never thought that my father was real happy out of the newspaper business but neither was he real happy out on the rural route and seeing his patrons. He felt that they were good to him and it was a fever with him to give them rural service.

In a letter to his patrons of Rural Route No. 2, Kinston, two days before he retired he told them a part of the history of his life and how much he had enjoyed working for them during the many years he had served them. He had married when only 19 years of age and when he was 20 years old I was already a couple of months old. He has always been easy for me to remember his birthday for he is twenty years older than I am, liking one month. My birthday is in March and his in April.

I am using a picture taken of Mr. Bedsole and Mr. Goodwin this week. Mr. Bedsole, Mr. Goodwin, and my father are friends of many years standing. I would have loved having a picture of the three together. Since I cannot I am using a picture of my father. Also this picture was taken only a few years ago and since he retired from his postal service job. Since I can remember he has been a Primitive Baptist minister and I took this picture of him with his Bible. I was attempting to get a picture of him in a particular study. I never did get what I wanted and this picture does not in any way do him justice. I am very proud of these pictures. I think, if I remember, I took between twelve to eighteen different exposures in an effort to capture the exact study I wanted for the family picture of him.

On those days are of the past, he had said that he looked toward retirement about like children think of Christmas but that when it came it was much too serious. He said, and I quote: "We come to retirement after a lifetime of work, work, and then all at once we realize that we have about run our race, and sitting down to be forgotten. And, then, it's just a little while and we shall pass from the scenes of this world, yes, it brings serious thoughts. But I shall continue to trust in One Who doeth all things well. He who is Alpha and Omega. In fact, I must trust the words are more fitting to my father today than they were when he retired. Then he continued to be very active. Even before my mother died in March 1967 his health was beginning to fail and last summer he became so ill it was

necessary that he undergo serious surgery and since to reside in a nursing home. He cannot be alone and there is no one at home to be with him, so it is apparently as happy at Tyson Manor as he would be anywhere. He was never really happy at home after the death of my mother and on the few occasions when he has returned home for a day he has been anxious to return to Tyson Manor. It is a very nice place and I think of it as a luxurious hotel.

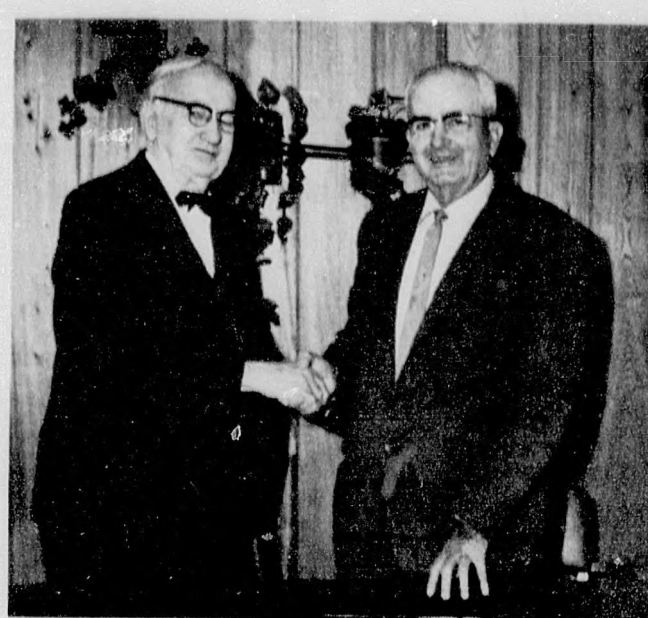
A WEEK TO REMEMBER - the week of February 15 to 22 which has been set aside as National Future Farmers of America Week. The Future Farmers of America is a national organization of high school students studying vocational agriculture in our public schools. The FFA itself does not make its members outstanding, but, instead, provides the opportunity for them to grow and become outstanding. As long as we have youth organizations such as the FFA, we may rest assured that the destruction, which only aim is the acts of a minority - and a small minority at that.

I GUESS WE'LL already have our Christmas lights up for Christmas 1969. What is bothering me more than anything else is that the decorations staying up so long will cause them to deteriorate faster and we will not have anything for this Christmas. During the past holidays Florida was bedecked with hundreds of multi-colored lights and illuminated Christmas scenes. In fact the entire nation was an incandescent fairytale. It is doubtful if one person in a million passed to wonder how such a sudden flood of light was possible. It took work and cooperation of a lot of civic-minded people. But lets store our Christmas tinsel in Florida in the attic until December.

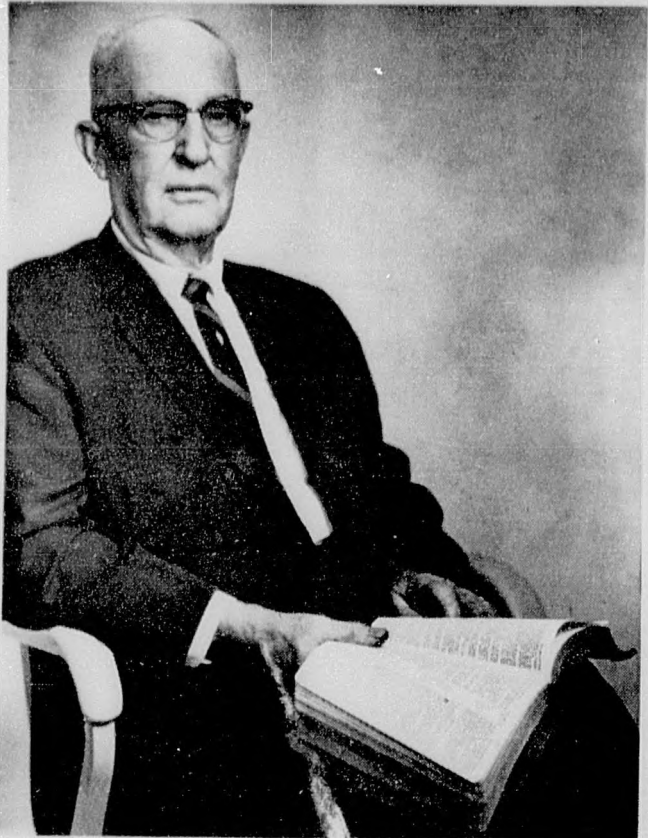
MANY OF US are frightened of airplanes but after traveling to Nassau last summer by air I became sold on air travel. And I actually felt safer in the air than on the ground. Mack and I were discussing the traveling by air last week and I told him that since we do not have any small children to be responsible for why not just go ahead and take a chance or flying out to California. He still will not agree to go by air and I reminded him that I had heard an interview and one of the men reminded us that more deaths occur in comparison with automobiles than in airplanes and that instead of a family taking two different planes they should take two different cars getting to the airport. I agree. If he would agree to make the trip by air we could get to go when perhaps we can't otherwise.

ALL THE CATS returned home, (except Angel), even to Charlie, who was apparently hit by a car and stayed hid out for a few days. One morning early when I put out their food he ran up to the bowl as if he had been there all the time. We let Mittens out of the house and she slumped and growled at the other cats unmercifully. She refused to let them out at the same bowl with her and is just generally mean. I guess she is taking spite out on us for chasing off her boy friends.

FOR THE PAST several years I have enjoyed \$5.95 dresses but guess I'll have to quit wearing them to work. Merle and I got started wearing them because we do a lot of darkroom work and we have experienced ruining some of our better clothes so we got to wearing less expensive dresses. But our friends think we are approaching the poor house and that we are going broke.



... T. A. GOODWIN & TATUM BEDSOLE



... J. L. KIMBRO

Letter To The Editor

January 28, 1969

Editor
The Elba Clipper
Elba, Alabama

Dear Mr. Cox:

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us publicize the labor survey referred to in the enclosed news release.

I feel that this survey will play an important part in helping to bring new industry into this area.

Your considerate cooperation in using the enclosed news release will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

Jack Brunson

Mamie Spinks Buried Tuesday At Philip

Mamie Spinks, 84, died Sunday, services were Tuesday at 11 a.m. from Bethany Baptist Church with the Rev. Harvey Taylor officiating. Burial was in Philip Cemetery, Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Odell Senn, Elba; three sons, Bud Spinks, and Doll Spinks, both of Elba and Cass Spinks, New Brockton; two sisters, Mrs. Mollie Wooten and Mrs. Fannie Dell, Plant City, Fla.

If your food costs seem high count up how much you've spent on non-food items. Add the cost of cleaning supplies, cigarettes, beer, toys and kitchen gadgets.

Funeral Services Held Wednesday For Mrs. Brooks

Frankie Onetha Brooks, 70, died Wednesday, January 22, 1969. Services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. from Woodland Grove Baptist Church with the Rev. Silas Shepard and the Rev. Henry Grissom officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors include the widow, Jessie D. Brooks, Elba; six sons, Tommy Brooks and Gerald Brooks, both of Elba, Hilton Brooks, USAF, Allen Brooks, US Army, Fred Brooks, Milton, Fla., Leon Brooks, Chesapeake, Va.; four daughters, Mrs. Rufus Maddox, Columbus, Ga., Mrs. Milford Pope, Monroe, La., Mrs. Jom Asher, Elba, and Miss Patricia Brooks, Alhambra, Calif.; a brother, Gardner Maddox, Pinckard; four sisters, Mrs. Robert King, Mrs. Zella Griffiths, Mrs. Gene Wise, Miss Ethel Maddox, all of Elba.

Mrs. Haire Dies On Tuesday At Hospital

Mrs. Ruby Haire, 84, died Tuesday in a local hospital. Services were

Wednesday at 3 p.m. from the Elba First Baptist Church with the Rev. James Auchmuty officiating. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery, Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include five sisters, Mrs. H. J. Clark, Sr., Mrs. Dan Parker and Mrs. George Collier, all of Elba, Mrs. Julia McNew, Montgomery and Mrs. J. E. Marley, Hartford.

Death Claims Jonas Messick On Monday

Jonas Moya Messick, 47, died Monday. Services were Wednesday at 2 p.m. from the Pine Level Auditorium with the Rev. P. Bostick and the Rev. Calvin Ramer officiating. Burial was in the Pine Level Cemetery, Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Nettie Ruth Messick, Brantley; a son, Wayne Messick, Columbus, Ga.; two daughters, Mrs. Louisa Miller, Auburn and Miss Wanda Jean Messick, Brantley; four brothers, Johnny Messick, Talladega, James C. Messick, Plant City, Fla., Lawrence Messick, Tampa, Fla.; and Donald R. Messick, Enterprise; three sisters, Mrs. Madeline Griffin, Mobile, Mrs. Foye McGuire, Jacksonville, N. C. and Mrs. Dorothy Carlisle, Plant City, Fla.; two grandchildren.

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The Elba City Council held a special called meeting on Monday night. This meeting was held without our presence since no one informed us of the meeting plans. We were called some time later by a local citizen who is definitely against this administration. This man said he was passing and saw a meeting in progress and our car was not anywhere to be seen and he knew this was not a regular meeting night. We did not dress and attend the meeting at that late hour. Tuesday we saw two members of the council and they volunteered to tell us all about what had happened. We appreciate this and feel that any of the others we happened to see would have done the same, but...

In the future we are going to hold each member individually responsible if we are not notified of SPE CIAL meetings before they are held. There is no legal requirement for this but we don't now and we hope never have to "spy" on City Hall to see what is happening. As long as the members have nothing to hide they should not mind if we listen in for a first hand report - we have not bitten any of them yet!

Local citizen has breathed a sigh of relief following reports that a burglar was in jail following several break-ins in town. Chief Smart said this week that he had heard the joke going around town about a burglar at the police station in which two policemen were stolen. He said he was also happy to report that the two policemen had been returned unharmed!

It was suggested recently that we write an editorial about the traffic situation at the Elba Elementary School. If there is a problem there we sure want to be of record again! However, it would be far more fitting for someone who knows the problem to write about it. If someone who is familiar with this will write a letter to us we will gladly print it. Please sign your name as we don't have much faith in an opinion that is anonymous, be it written or telephoned.

The labor survey conducted last weekend was a rip-roaring success, thanks to the all out support of everyone asked to help. The target was 1700 names and final reports will exceed 1800. It will be several months before any definite answer will be forthcoming from the rubber goods factory or any other new industry interested in Elba.

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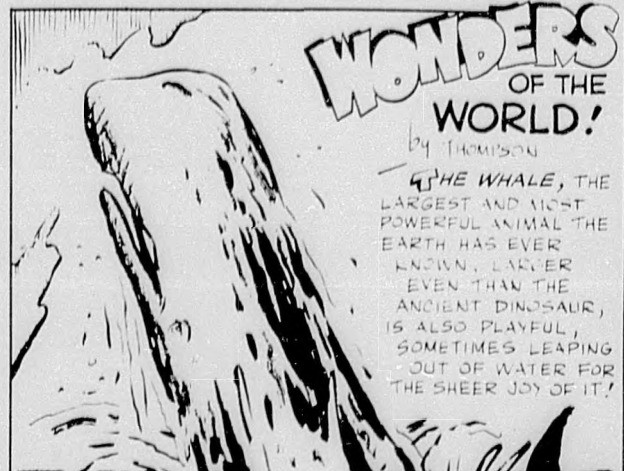
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There is now talking going on at the Paris Peace talks but we do not look for anything startling in the near future. It will probably be a long hot summer as the fighting will continue for some months at the best.

Elba High School is moving a step closer to getting a gym as the school board is advertising for the sale of bonds in this weeks Clipper. We hope this goes ahead with our troubles. There is also a move afoot to expand the vocation trades classes at Elba High. Federal matching money is available for this if the state approves Elba for these classes. For the federal money to be available there must be local funds - at least \$100,000. This should not be any problem if it is not necessary to build extra classrooms at the high school next year and the trades classes would be very beneficial to those not intending to attend college.



WONDERS OF THE WORLD!
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COFFEE NEWS & CHAT

BY SARA E. HUTCHINSON



VEGETABLE GARDENING

It isn't too cold to think about planting vegetables. In fact, I'd like to remind you that some vegetables like it cold and must be planted soon to be successfully grown.

Vegetables to be planted now are Irish potatoes, garden peas and lettuce. One fact, you'll want to be aware of when planting Irish potatoes is this: be sure you plant seed potatoes rather than eating potatoes from the grocery store. Why? Because most potatoes for eating purposes have been treated to prevent sprouting. If these are planted, they just won't come up. Red La Soda, Pontica and Sebago are three recommended varieties.

Recommended garden pea varieties include Little Marvel, Victory Freezer and Wando. Great Lakes is recommended for head lettuce production.

By the way, if you haven't had a soil test made for your garden in the past three years, don't put it off any longer. The root of your garden trouble may be in the soil.

Not all money spent at the grocery is for food. For every dollar's worth of food that goes into the grocery basket, the homemaker puts 20 cents worth in laundry soap, insecticides, potted plants, stereo records, encyclopedias, and a host of other non-food items.

GROCERY MONEY

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WILLS

Have you made your will? Making a will, like voting, is a privilege that often goes by default. If you don't decide who is to get your property and how, the courts will make the decision for you on a basis of law. Naturally the expense involved in such a decision would be costly to your estate.

Furthermore, the right of every man and woman to control the disposition of his or her material possessions after death is one that is conferred by the state and one that should be exercised.

Frequently, many people leave their affairs in a jumble, not because their

affairs are so complicated but because they just don't get around to setting up a program for their families that would automatically go into effect when needed.

Perhaps the reason we neglect to plan and work for the transfer of our property is because we hate to think about death and because it seems so remote. However, a little planning and effort now can make things a great deal easier on your family when you are no longer available to make the decisions.

To make sure your wishes are carried out properly with no room for misinterpretation, why not engage the services of a lawyer to help you write your will.

Wayne Toole Completes Navy Basic Training

Seaman Apprentice Wayne D. Toole, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Toole of New Brockton, has been graduated from nine weeks of Navy basic training at the Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Ill. In the first weeks of his naval service he studied military subjects and lived under conditions similar to those he will encounter on his first ship or at his first shore station.

In making the transition from civilian life to Naval service, he received instruction under veteran Navy petty officers. He

studied seamanship, as well as survival techniques, military drill and other subjects.

Harvey Waters Receives Air Force Promotion

Harvey A. Waters, III, son of Mrs. Grace M. Waters, 325 Collier St., Elba, has been promoted to airman first class in the U.S. Air Force.

Airman Waters, an aircraft equipment repairman at Chanute AFB, Ill., is a member of the Air Training Command.

The airman, a 1965 graduate of Elba High School, attended Enterprise Junior College.

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